

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

March 3, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on February 24, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending March 2, 2011 in the amount of \$ 238,116.82 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of February 24 – March 2, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from April 9 – November 24, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from February 7 – February 28, 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Calnon
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council in the amount of \$ 455,049.66 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Plattsburgh Farmers and Crafters Market group to manage the Farmers Market for the 2011 market season from May 14- October 8, 2011.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create the capital project 2011 Public Service Equipment Replacement Project (H5110.32) to facilitate the purchase of the equipment approved in the capital plan from the 2011 Adopted Budget.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise the capital project 2007 Site Closure Plan Design and Construction Prep Project (H5110.20) to include an additional \$200,000 in estimated costs for completion of the project.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion:

Councilor Jackson makes a motion to amend 7C to:

In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise the capital project 2007 Site Closure Plan Design and Construction Prep Project (H5110.20) to include an additional \$200,000 in estimated costs for completion of the project and approve Change Order No. 1 to A.P. Reale's contract in the amount of \$152,000 for a final total contract cost of \$452,000.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise the capital project 2007 Site Closure Plan Design and Construction Prep Project (H5110.20) to include an additional \$200,000 in estimated costs for completion of the project and approve Change Order No. 1 to A.P. Reale's contract in the amount of \$152,000 for a final total contract cost of \$452,000.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Discussion:

Councilor Carpenter said with the new change and stuff how does that come in budget wise and will this be it.

Councilor Jackson said this is it.

Environmental Manager Jon Ruff said this is on A.P. Reale's contract and it is on the appropriations of the capital project. So the capital project going from \$4.7 million to \$4.9 million is going to cover A.P. Reale's final contract amount, Casella's final contract amount. You're going to be seeing another modification to our engineer's contract they have spent some additional time on it that is going to be about \$35,000. Then at the end of the projects there are going to be some miscellaneous notices, this that and the other thing, so the \$4.9 million capital project will be the total nut for the project but this change order is the end of A.P. Reale's contract.

Councilor Carpenter said and that does not increase the \$4.9 million.

Environmental Manager Jon Ruff said correct.

Councilor Calnon said it's basically \$152,000 of the \$200,000 increase.

Councilor Jackson said and Corporation Counsel is very pleased that he got his release.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Everyday Earth Day Committee to use the Farmers Market on April 16, 2011 from 9 am – 6 pm to celebrate Earth Day week.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to attend the “MEUA North America Reliability Corporation (NERC)/Northeast Power Coordinating Council (NPCC) Survey meeting” in East Syracuse, NY from March 9 – 10, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$235.00.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD BID NO. 2011-3-2 “Sale of Salvaged & Scrap Substation Transformer.” Bid Opening Date: April 12, 2011 at 11:00 am.
2. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bid for PMLD BID NO. 2011-3-3 “Sale of Salvaged & Scrap Substation Switchgear.” Bid Opening Date: April 12, 2011 at 11:00 am.
3. Request from Environmental Manager Jonathan Ruff that the Council agree to modification and the Mayor be authorized to execute the agreement with CDM to perform additional services (WPCP Headworks Project) for the estimated additional cost of \$75,000. This project will be funded from Capital Project (H8130.54).
4. Request from Environmental Manager Jonathan Ruff that the Mayor be authorized to sign the agreement with CHA to perform the necessary design work at the Water Filtration Plant in the amount of \$89,500.

Councilor Rabideau said just to let everybody know there are some photos of the Water Filtration Plant that **Jonathan Ruff** provided for everybody. I've been up there; maybe several of us have been up there to see how bad it is. But, this kind of helps to look at it, you can see some of the structural problems that exist on the side of the building and so forth. Everybody has a copy, I believe, in your packets.

5. Motion to correct Resolution F from the December 28, 2010 meeting from "to reclassify Police Lieutenant salary from Grade 8, Steps 7 and 9, to Grade 9, Step 9 and 11 respectively" to "to reclassify Police Lieutenant salary from Grade 8, Steps 8 and 9, to Grade 9, Step 10 and 11 respectively."
6. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF DETECTIVE TO OFFICER CHARLES SCOTT EFFECTIVE MARCH 4, 2011.

Mayor Kasprzak withdraws initial item #6.

7. Request from Fire Chief Paul Williams to attend the "New York State Career Chiefs Meeting" in Elmira, NY on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. The cost will not exceed \$350.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Tiffer said I would just like to briefly discuss a topic that is pretty controversial and I just wanted to state my own opinion on the matter. It's dealing with the Barrack's site. There was a meeting this past week with the perspective developer and I personally think that we as a Council need to support developers and investors from outside the city coming in to the city wanting to put in capital in to parcels that are really not marketable. There are limitations in that property and this person wants to put money in to it and I think as a Council we should support it. We should be out there saying: yes, development is important. We want to keep historical sites valuable but not inhibit new development, not inhibit growth. I think it's important to the sustainability of our city and that's why I thought it is important to bring it up.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Tiffer
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:41 pm